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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-19 (Cancelled).

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): A packaging for pulverulent material comprising a container, a lid and a metering scoop, as well as an accommodation in the space delimited by the lid for accommodating said measuring scoop, wherein said lid is provided with an elevation oriented outwards when the lid is in the fitted position on said container, the interior of which elevation delimiting a cavity for at least partially accommodating said scoop and the inside of said lid being provided with fixing means for said scoop, said container having a seal for separating the contents of the container from the environment and extending over the free cross-sectional area of said container, said seal being spaced from the top of said container to accommodate part of said metering scoop, that the height of said accommodation in said lid is smaller than the height of said scoop such that when the lid is closed on said container the scoop can be received in the accommodation defined between said lid and said seal and in that said scoop is separate from said lid and container.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein the highest point of said elevation extends at least 4 mm above the top peripheral edge of said packaging.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said lid is fixed, such that it can hinge, to a supporting edge, which is fixed to said container wall, wherein said lid and supporting edge comprise a single part of plastic material.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said supporting edge is provided with a levelling-off surface.

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Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 23, wherein said levelling-off surface is arranged close to a corner of said container.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said supporting edge is provided with a raised part, within which the lid is fitted horizontally, which raised part is provided with a cut-out, provided with a closure part that can be removed easily.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said scoop comprises a cup and wherein said fixing means are arranged to receive the scoop such that the open part of the cup is directed to said lid.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein the container wall contains a heat-sealable material on the inside and wherein said seal comprises a plastic film seal, which seal is fixed to said container wall by heat sealing.

Claim 28 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said container and said lid are essentially rectangular.

Claim 29 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 27, wherein the distance (r) between the top of said film and the lowest point of the accommodation in the lid for the scoop is between 35 and 50 mm.

Claim 30 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said container wall consists of a paper/metal foil/plastic laminate.

Claim 31 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said wall of the container extends downwards beyond the base of said container to delimit an upright rim.

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Claim 32 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein said lid has a circumferential edge and the top of said container has a peripheral edge, wherein in the closed position of said lid, said circumferential edge of said lid is inaccessibly accommodated within said peripheral edge, means being provided to interrupt said peripheral edge for access to said circumferential edge.

Claim 33 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 32, wherein said means to interrupt said peripheral edge comprise a breakable peripheral edge portion.

Claim 34 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 32, wherein said lid comprises a lip being locked in position by said means.

Claims 35-38 (Cancelled).

Claim 39 (Withdrawn): The packaging according to claim 20, wherein the pulverulent material is baby food.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): A method for providing a packaging filled with powder comprising the provision of a container provided with a base and a top which has a peripheral edge, the inside wall of the container consisting of a heat-sealable material, filling powder into said container, providing a heat-sealable film having a tear lip and a weakening line, placing [[a]]the heat-sealable film above the powder and permanently joining said film to said inside wall of the container 20-50 mm below the peripheral edge, provision being made for the fitting of a lid,

said packaging further comprising a scoop for dosing said powder, accommodated by the top part of the container, wherein said method further comprises the step of placing the scoop on the heat-sealable film,

said method further comprising the step of providing a lid provided with fixing means for said scoop, said lid fixed, such that it can hinge to a lid rim, said lid and lid rim provided from a single part of plastic material, and

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said method further comprising the step of adhering said lid rim onto the peripheral top edge of said container, for defining an accommodation space between said lid and said heat-sealable film for said scoop.

Claims 41-43 (Cancelled).

Claim 44 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 40, wherein the provision of a container comprises using blanks of wall material and base material as the starting materials and joining these together immediately before filling with product.

Claim 45 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 40, wherein said heat-sealable film provides a gastight seal.

Claim 46 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 40, where inert gas is fed into the space located below the film before/when sealing the film to the container wall.

Claim 47 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 46, wherein gas is fed to a number of packs simultaneously.

Claim 48 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 40, wherein said heat-sealable film is provided less than 10 mm above said powder.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 40, wherein the container wall contains a heat-sealable material on the inside, and wherein said seal comprises a plastic film seal, which seal is fixed to said container wall by heat sealing.

Claim 50 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 40, wherein said container wall consists of a paper/metal foil/plastic laminate.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): A method for providing a packaging filled with powder comprising the provision of a container provided with a base and a top which has a peripheral edge, the inside wall of the container consisting of a heat-sealable material, filling powder into said container, placing a heat-sealable film above the powder and joining said film to said inside wall of the container 20-50 mm below the peripheral edge, provision being made for the fitting of a lid,

said packaging further comprising a scoop for dosing said powder, accommodated by the top part of the container, wherein said method further comprises the step of placing the scoop on the heat-sealable film,

said method further comprising the step of providing a lid provided with fixing means for said scoop, said lid fixed, such that it can hinge to a lid rim, said lid and lid rim provided from a single part of plastic material,

said method further comprising the step of adhering said lid rim onto the peripheral top edge of said container, for defining an accommodation space between said lid and said heat-sealable film for said scoop, and

wherein said container wall consists of a paper/metal foil/plastic laminate, said plastic laminate being a heat-sealable material, and wherein said seal comprises a plastic film seal, which seal is permanently fixed to said container wall by heat sealing.

Claim 52 (New): The method according to claim 40, wherein said powder is baby food.